

**WHITEFISH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
December 14, 2016**

The December 2016 regular meeting of the District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Denny. Directors Cavin, Kibbe, and Goodman were present, as was Rita Hanson. Also present was former Director Eric Schmidt.

MINUTES: Rita presented draft minutes of the November meeting. Prior to the vote Director Cavin pointed out that since we had found out at the end of the November Board meeting that according to MCA we were required to be a 5-member Board, the vote regarding 3 and 4-member boards was irrelevant. Considering that irrelevance Director Cavin voted to approve. With that clarification, minutes for the November 2016 meeting were read and approved as presented.

FINANCIAL: Financials were discussed in general, nothing new at the present time.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: Jan Metzmaker will keep the Board updated on any AIS issues as there should be a year-end report available soon.

EAST LAKESHORE PER: PER is in process. General discussion again ensued regarding procedure.

Director Goodman asked that this statement be read into the Minutes:

I would like to state for the minutes that I believe holding off on supporting the current PER for East Lakeshore goes against our charge as a board and that considering/waiting for an appeals court decision on another matter relating to that same area has little to no bearing on our charge. As the PER is in progress, I feel that we as a Board should be supportive of it to maintain water standards of the lake and watershed, which again is our charge. We are a body that should be influenced by our mission, not by legal and/or personal issues that may arise. As commissioned by the taxpayers and the community, we have a fiduciary duty to support water quality matters, and had agreed with the City and Whitefish Lake Institute to sponsor this PER process. The final vote held in November appears to be contrary to a commitment made. I would again urge the Board to reconsider this position in supporting the PER for East Lakeshore.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2017

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Hanson